Decrees of Cases in the Kottayam District Court.

255. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of suits which were pending before the District Court, Kottayam, in 1102 and 1103, since their decrees have not been prepared even two months after pronouncing the judgments and the number of suits in which copies of decrees and judgments have not been given even after four, five, six or more months?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The statement* required is laid on the table.

Particulars of Cases pending before the High Court.

256. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing (i) the number of cases which were boarded by the High Court in 1103 for final hearing and which were heard on the date of the first posting itself, (ii) the number of those which were heard after the 2nd, 3rd and 4th adjournments, (iii) the number of those which have not been heard even after four adjournments, and (iv) the number of those in respect of which copies of decrees have not been issued though two, three, four or more months have elapsed since the judgments were delivered?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Government do not propose to collect the statistics, as the time and labour involved in their collection will be out of all proportion to their possible utility. The member is, however, assured that adjournments are not made except when necessary.

Need for altering the rule re licenses for the possession of firearms.

257. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that, when transfer from stations, forfeiture of appointment, etc., take place, the licensees are subjected to inconvenience and loss on account of the fact that the licenses for keeping firearms issued by a District Magistrate are valid only in his District; and

(*b*) whether they will make the necessary amendments to the existing laws and rules so as to make the licenses issued by a District Magistrate valid throughout the State?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The Government have examined the question in all its aspects and consider that it is not necessary to amend the rules as suggested by the member.

**Vide* Appendix IX—page 459.

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